

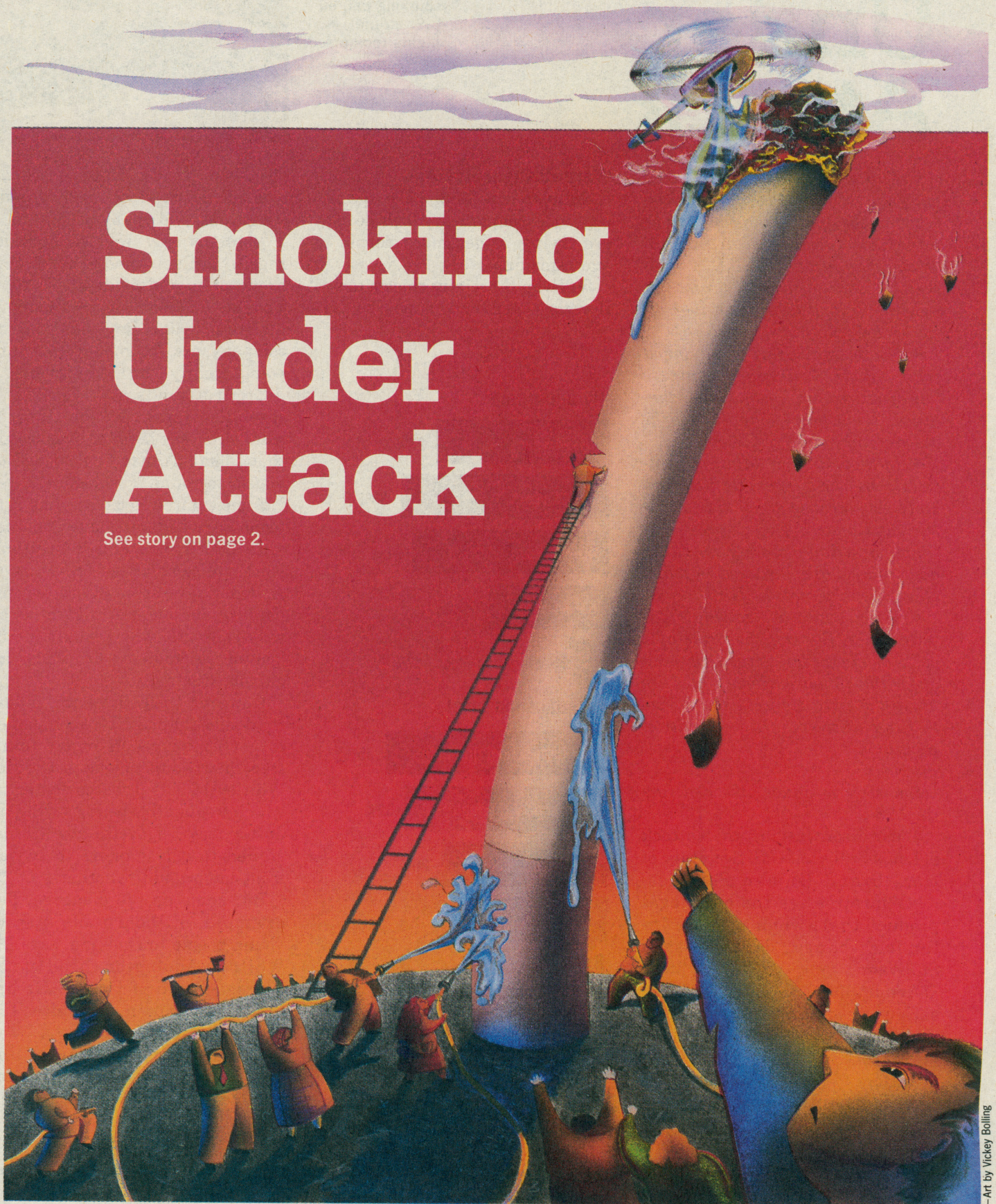
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Smoking Under Attack

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—Art by Vickey Bolling

Smoking Under Attack

• At airline ticket counters, passengers are no longer asked whether they prefer the smoking or nonsmoking section. A ban on smoking on just about all U.S. commercial airline flights, no matter how many hours they last, took effect in February.

• Smoking also has been banned in many U.S. airports, public buildings, stores, restaurants, theaters, hospitals, schools, workplaces, and public rest rooms.

• In Bloomington, Minn., city officials banned cigarette vending machines because many kids under the legal smoking age were using them. Similar vending-machine bans are being considered in many other towns across the U.S.

• Many states are raising cigarette taxes, forcing the price of a pack of cigarettes toward or even above the \$2 mark. Some states are using the extra cigarette tax money to fund anti-smoking education programs.

Smoking is under attack across the U.S.

One person leading that attack is Louis Sullivan, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

"Cigarettes are the only legal product that, when used as intended, cause death," says Sullivan.

About 390,000 Americans die each year of smoking-related illnesses, according to a report from his office.

Sullivan would like to see all Americans quit smoking by the year 2000.

'Target' Cigarette Ads

Sullivan is waging a war against cigarette companies, which he says are trying to get more people to start smoking.

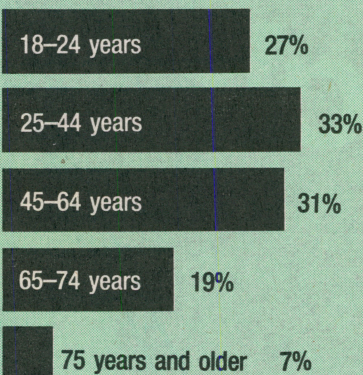
Sullivan especially objects to ads that *target*, or try to appeal to, cer-

Arm-rest ashtrays have been empty since a new smoking ban on U.S. airline flights took effect.

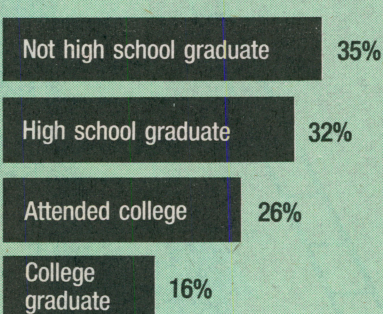


Who Smokes?

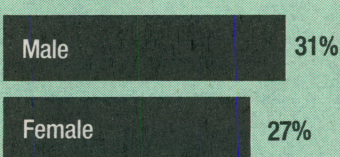
By age group



By education level



By sex



Source: Centers for Disease Control and 1987 report from the U.S. Surgeon General

tain groups of people—such as women, members of racial minority groups, and young people.

"I am not only troubled, but outraged," Sullivan said about a new brand of cigarettes called Dakota. The ads for these cigarettes, manufactured by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco company, are designed to appeal to young, poorly educated women.

Cigarette ads are also being carefully studied by the Government this year because of concerns that some ads may be designed to appeal to young nonsmokers.

Some cigarette ads look like cartoons, says Federal Trade Commission Chairman Janet Steiger, whose office enforces U.S. ad laws. And, she says, some cigarette companies hand out free cigarettes at rock concerts, where many members of the audience are under legal smoking age.

However, the U.S. tobacco industry denies that cigarette companies target young people or try to attract new adult smokers. Charles Whitley of The Tobacco Institute, which frequently speaks for the industry, says cigarette ads are designed to get smokers to switch from one brand to another.

But some people disagree. For example, billboard ads attract young people to smoking, says Dr. Whitney Addington, head of the Chicago Board of Health. He has proposed a ban on all outdoor cigarette ads in the city.

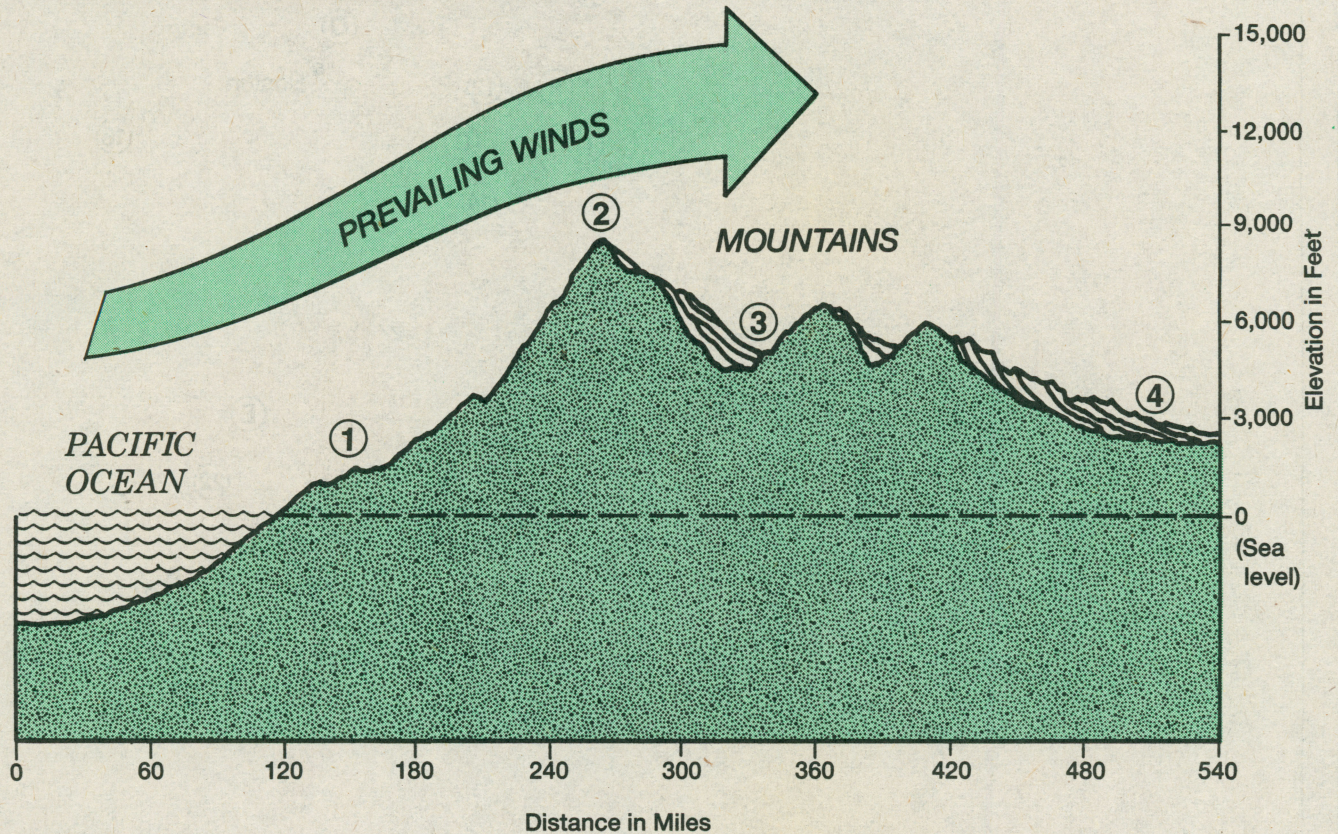
Addington says he favors any laws that will stop smoking-related death—"our number one preventable cancer."

Art by Bob Italiano

Geography Test

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Weather and Climate



Weekly Reader diagram by Bob Italiano

Here are some facts about weather and climate:

- The higher above sea level a place is, the cooler the climate usually is.
- During the summer, places near the ocean are generally cooler than places farther away. During the winter, places near the ocean are generally warmer than other places.
- When wind crosses over large bodies of water, it picks up moisture. When clouds are heavy with moisture, they cannot rise above high mountains. Because of this, the clouds drop much of their moisture in the form of rain before going over the mountains. The climate on the other side of the mountains is usually dry.

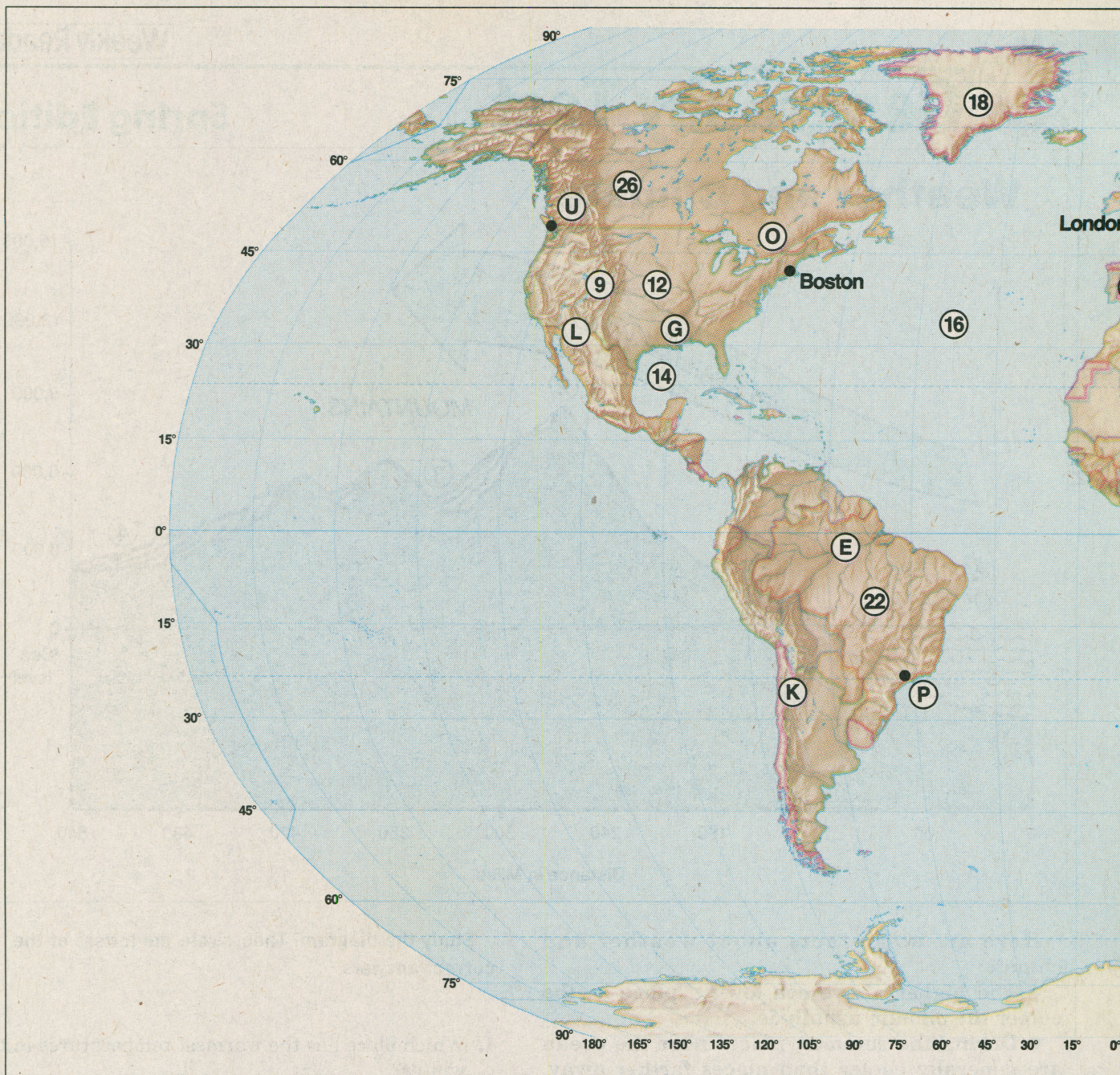
Study the diagram. Then circle the letters of the correct answers.

1. Which place has the warmest temperatures in the winter?
A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4
2. When clouds are heavy with moisture, they are least likely to rise above which place?
A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4
3. Which place probably has the driest climate?
A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

In The News

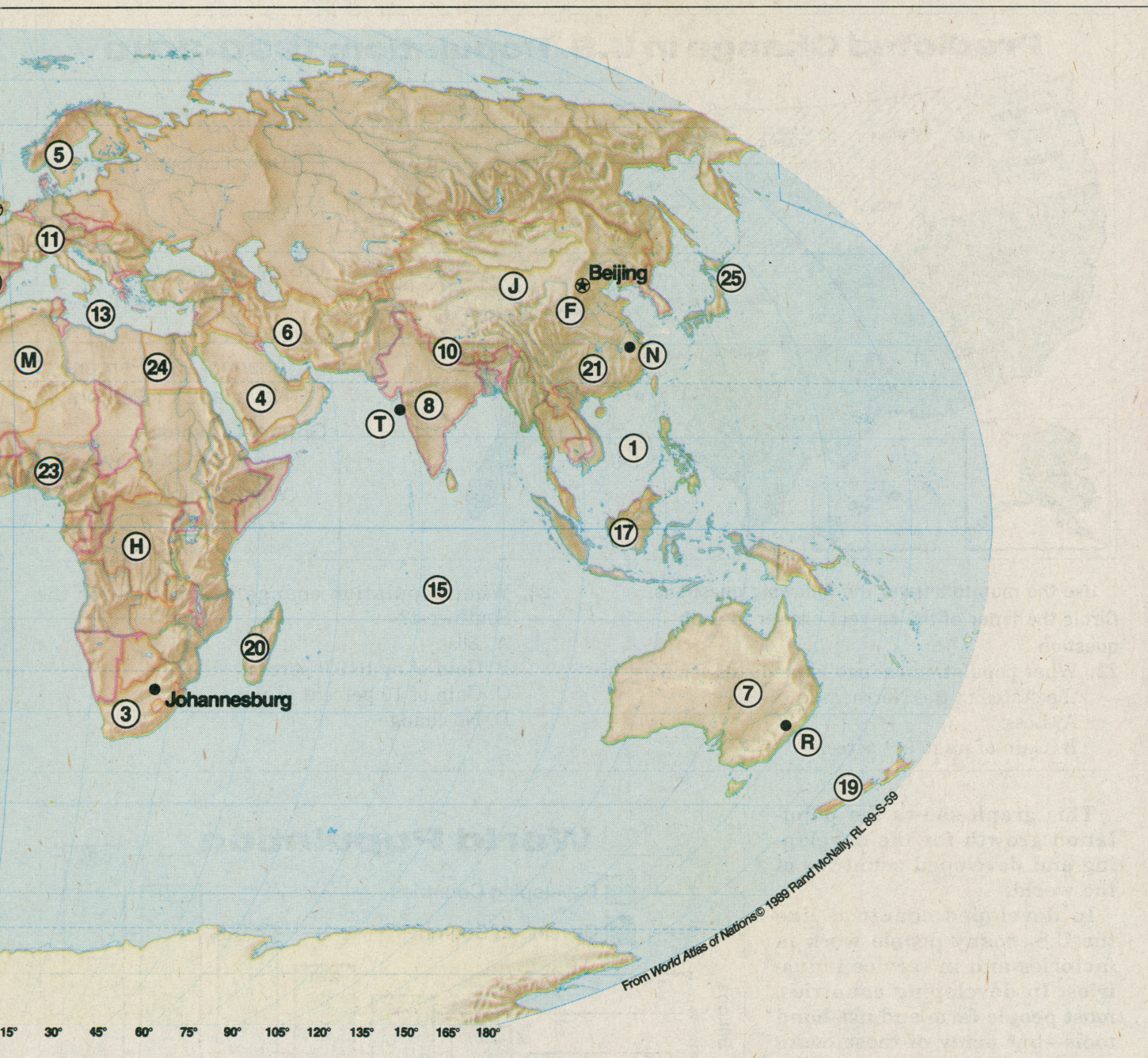
Based on your knowledge of the news circle the letter of the best answer for each of the following:

4. Many nations have signed a treaty that controls the development of natural resources in what ice-covered continent?
A. Australia
B. Asia
C. Antarctica
D. North America
5. Last year, tropical storms were a threat to which country?
A. Sweden
B. India
C. Canada
D. Iceland



Use the world map to answer the following questions.
Circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

6. Which number is next to Japan?
A. 14 B. 1 C. 25 D. 13
7. Which number is in Greenland?
A. 22 B. 7 C. 19 D. 18
8. Which number is in Spain?
A. 2 B. 5 C. 21 D. 9
9. Which number is in Egypt?
A. 12 B. 24 C. 8 D. 26
10. Which number is in South Africa?
A. 3 B. 9 C. 16 D. 11
11. Which number is in Brazil?
A. 5 B. 10 C. 22 D. 11
12. Which mountain range is located at number 10?
A. Andes
B. Alps
C. Rockies
D. Himalayas
13. Which city is located at T?
A. Shanghai
B. Bombay
C. Vancouver
D. Sydney
14. Which body of water is located at number 13?
A. Indian Ocean
B. Atlantic Ocean
C. Mediterranean Sea
D. Gulf of Mexico



15. Which city is located in Australia?
A. R B. P C. N D. T
16. Which body of water is located at number 15?
A. Pacific Ocean
B. Caribbean Sea
C. Indian Ocean
D. Black Sea
17. In which country is the number 4?
A. Chile
B. Indonesia
C. Canada
D. Saudi Arabia
18. What are the latitude and longitude of Beijing?
A. 40° south, 116° west
B. 120° south, 30° east
C. 30° north, 116° east
D. 120° north, 30° west
19. What are the latitude and longitude of Johannesburg?
A. 26° north, 28° west
B. 51° south, 74° west
C. 51° north, 74° east
D. 26° south, 28° east
20. What are the latitude and longitude of London?
A. 52° north, 0°
B. 144° south, 20° east
C. 52° south, 0°
D. 144° north, 20° west
21. What are the latitude and longitude of Boston?
A. 15° north, 115° east
B. 42° south, 120° west
C. 15° south, 115° east
D. 42° north, 71° west

Used-Tire Fires Pollute Air

What happens to used tires? Most end up in dumps. Sometimes these dumps catch on fire. Then the burning tires send black, oily, toxic smoke into the air.

The worst used-tire fire in North America took 17 days to put out and forced nearly 1,000 people from their homes.

This fire occurred in Hagersville, Canada, a town about 80 miles from Buffalo, N.Y. Long after the fire was out, cleanup crews were at work, hauling away half-burned tires, twisted wire, and toxic oil from a dump 18 football fields long.

In the U.S., there were 87 serious tire fires last year alone.

The answer to the used-tire fire problem, experts say, is to recycle tires. A few states already have regulations about the recycling of old tires. But most states do not.

Discuss: Does your state have any laws about what happens to old tires? If you don't know, how might you find out?



— Antarctic Photo Agency/P. Breithagen

The most hair-raising experience on the cross-Antarctica trek occurred 16 miles from the "finish line." Team member Keizo Funatsu disappeared in a windstorm, and it took team members 14 hours to find him.

Dogs Are Heroes of Antarctic Trek

"The dogs are the true heroes of the expedition. They are incredible."

Will Steger, head of a six-person international team that completed a trek across Antarctica March 3, could not say enough about the courage and strength of the dogs that pulled the team's sleds.

For example, Steger said, over the last miles of the trip, sharp ice cut the dogs' paws painfully, but

they carried on as usual. Most of the 40-dog team actually gained weight on the trip.

Only one dog didn't make it all the way across the frozen continent. Tim, one of Steger's oldest dogs, became sick in October and died before a rescue plane arrived.

The team set out last July. Using only dog power and ski-aided manpower, they traveled 3,800 miles over mountains and icy wasteland.

Noisy Sea Lions Take Over Docks

Two hundred wild sea lions took over some docks in San Francisco last month. The sea lions had fol-

lowed some schools of fat herring into the bay and decided to "fish" from the docks.



— AP/Wide World

The sea lions quickly became a tourist attraction. One woman came all the way from Kansas to see them after she saw a TV report about the sea lion invasion.

Local business owners also welcomed the sea lions. "Our business is up 40 percent," one owner said.

Other people weren't as thrilled with the sea lions. Yacht owners objected to the animals' strong scent. And local residents complained about their loud barking.

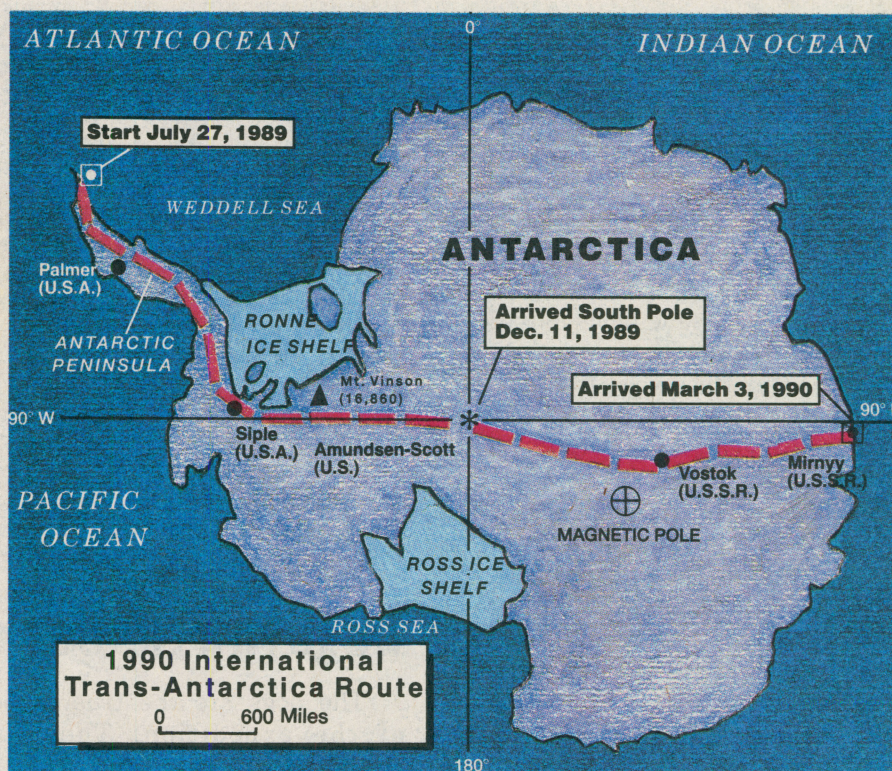
Experts thought the sea lions would be gone by April. That's when they usually swim to offshore islands to mate and raise pups.

Sea lions clown for tourists.

News Map Reading

Underline the correct word or number to complete each statement.

1. The distance the Antarctic team traveled across Antarctica to reach the South Pole is about (1,000; 2,000; 3,000) miles.
2. The entire trek took about (6, 7, 12 months).
3. Earth's magnetic South Pole is about (600; 900; 1,200) miles from its geographic South Pole.
4. A person leaving the South Pole must travel (north, south, west).
5. The Ross Sea is part of the (Indian, Pacific, Atlantic) Ocean.
6. The team's trip ended at about (0, 90, 180) degrees east longitude.



News Comprehension

Mark **F** before each statement that is a fact and **O** before each statement that is an opinion.

Main News

1. Close to 400,000 Americans die each year of smoking-related illnesses.
2. Smoking should be banned in shopping malls and workplaces.
3. Some cigarette ads try to attract new smokers.

4. Smoking has been banned on most U.S. airline flights.
5. The sale of cigarettes should be banned.

News Update

6. The sled dogs of the Antarctic trek were heroes.
7. The Antarctic team was made up of members from six nations.
8. Some San Francisco residents didn't like it when sea lions took over some docks.
9. When tires burn, they cause air pollution.
10. Used tires should be recycled.

Garfield

by Jim Davis

